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To: Merritt TSA Licensee Group

Merritt PAG Group

District Manager – Cascades Forest District

Re: Merritt TSA SFMP – Small Scale Salvage Reporting

A recent Registration Assessment was conducted at the BC Timber Sales Kamloops Business Area (Kamloops and Merritt Timber Supply Areas) to evaluate the sustainable forest management systems, their implementation and their degree of compliance with the applicable requirements of CAN/CSA Z809:02. During the Implementation Assessment, the audit team identified 1 major nonconformity.

Z809:02 @ 4.0 requires that the organization develop, implement and maintain an SFM system that meets the requirements of CSA Z809:02.

Z809:02 @ 7.3 requires the organization to designate a clearly defined forest area to which the standard applies. In addition, the organization must define the geographic extent and the respective ownership and management responsibilities for the DFA and ensure that all parties necessary to address the CSA SFM elements for the DFA are involved in the process.

Assessment found that a DFA has been defined for both the Merritt and Kamloops TSAs and all licensees with forest operations in both TSAs have agreed to participate in the process and monitor and report on their progress towards achieving the targets set as required by the standard. However, it was determined that over the past several years, the small scale salvage operations, managed by the BC Ministry of Forests in both TSAs, have significantly increased their operations to deal with the increasing need to salvage Mountain Pine Beetle mortality. These operations are now capable of preventing the SFM participants from achieving their SFM targets for the DFA. They have not yet been included in the SFM process, however, and their respective role has not yet been clearly described.



For this reason, the Merritt TSA Licensee group has met with the Cascades MoF District Field Services Staff to identify the indicators that the small scale salvage program may impact. MoF Field Services staff in the Cascades District has agreed to report on the following indicators:

- Indicator 1 – N/A as this indicator is proposed to be dropped and incorporated into indicator 33;
- Indicator 2 – SSS will report on this indicator as licensees plans refer to the professional prescription;
- Indicator 3 – SSS will report on this indicator;
- Indicator 4 – SSS will report on this indicator. Wording will be added to Target and Measurement to include SSS requirements;
- Indicator 5 – SSS will report on this indicator;
- Indicator 6 – SSS will report on this indicator;
- Indicator 7 - SSS will report on this indicator;
- Indicator 8 – N/A as SSS does not purchase any seed;
- Indicator 9 – N/A as SSS sales are all priority and license terms ensures that harvesting is completed prior to critical time frames;
- Indicator 10 – SSS will report on this indicator;
- Indicator 11 – SSS will report on this indicator;
- Indicator 12 – N/A for SSS as the program does not create permanent access structures;
- Indicator 13 - SSS will report on this indicator;
- Indicator 14 – N/A for SSS as the program does not operate in potentially unstable areas
- Indicator 15 - N/A for SSS as the program only creates small openings
- Indicator 16 – N/A for SSS as the program does not create permanent access structures;
- Indicator 17 – SSS will report on this indicator;
- Indicator 18 - SSS will report on this indicator. This report will include scaled volume (all grades), not the cut control volume.
- Indicator 19 – N/A for SSS as the program does not have a sawmill;
- Indicator 20 – N/A for SSS as the program does not have a timber processing facility;
- Indicator 21 - SSS will report on this indicator;
- Indicator 22 - N/A for SSS as VIA's are not required for salvage areas within the District;
- Indicator 23 - N/A for SSS;
- Indicator 24 – N/A for SSS;
- Indicator 25 - N/A for SSS;

- Indicator 26 - N/A for SSS;
- Indicator 27 - N/A for SSS;
- Indicator 29 - N/A for SSS;
- Indicator 30 - N/A for SSS as this information is captured in indicator 4 for SSS;
- Indicator 31 - SSS will report on this indicator. Wording will be added to Target and Measurement to include SSS requirements;
- Indicator 32 - N/A for SSS as the program does not create permanent access structures;
- Indicator 33 - N/A for SSS as the program does not operate in OGMA's
- Indicator 34 – N/A for SSS as this is provided as part of Timber Supply Review;
- Indicator 35 - N/A for SSS;
- Indicator 36 - N/A for SSS as this is provided as part of Timber Supply Review.

Please note that the Small Scale Salvage Program is only able to report on areas that are greater than 1hectare in size where a professional prescription was completed.

These indicators differ slightly from the indicators that Licensees holding mountain pine beetle NRFL's report on, as the SSS program will report on a total of 13 indicators, 2,3,4,5,6,7,10,11,13,17,18,21,and 31.

These indicators will be discussed with the Merritt TSA SFMP Public Advisory Group on December 1, 2005 for their suggestions and endorsement. If you have any questions regarding this or any related matter, please do not hesitate to call me at (250) 371-6587.

Yours truly,

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